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**FINAL DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR U.S. ARMY
MEDICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SERVICES AGENCY BRIBERY SCHEME**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in San Antonio this morning, United States District Judge Orlando Garcia sentenced 37-year-old William John "Will" Strout, Jr., to 66 months in federal prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and ordered Strout to pay \$2.7 million in restitution to the Government in connection with a multi-million dollar bribery scheme centered on fixed U.S. Army Medical Department contracts at Fort Sam Houston.

According to court records, from April 2002 to August 2005, Strout and others committed acts of bribery, kickbacks, disclosure of privileged information, and fraud to ensure that government contracts were awarded to a San Antonio-based business, Sphinx Consultant and Associates, and others. On October 3, 2007, Strout pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting receipt of bribe by a public official as well as one count of possession of child pornography. By pleading guilty, Strout admitted that he accepted a \$90,000 payment from a government contractor on behalf of his father William Strout, Sr., a public official employed by the U.S. Army and assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Information Systems and Services Agency at Fort Sam Houston, in return for Strout Sr. being influenced in official acts. Strout further admitted that he possessed child pornography in January 2005. During the course of this investigation, authorities executed a search warrant at Strout's residence and subsequently discovered more than 10 images of child pornography on his home computer.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, Army Criminal Investigation Command-Major Procurement Fraud Unit, General Services Administration Office of the Inspector General, Department of Interior Office of the Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General and the Department of Transportation. Assistant United States Attorney Jim Blankinship prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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